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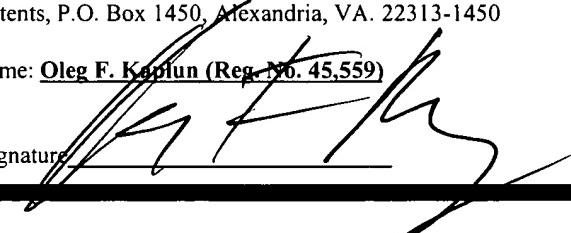
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Clamping Device for a Steering Column**Applicants' Statements:**

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2. **4 sheets of Drawings.**
3. **34 sheets of PCT Published Application No. WO 2004/069629.**
4. **5 sheets of PCT Request.**
5. **4 sheets of PCT Search Report performed by EPO.**
6. **5 sheets of Chapter II Request.**
7. **5 sheets of Chapter II Examination Report**
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